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By Ze'ev Laqueur

DEATH has innumerable doors by which man makes his exit, even in these days of cold war; for some, the rice fields of Korea, for others, Pankrac Prison. For Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, two more victims of the forces that unleashed the cold war, it came in the electric chair in Sing-Sing prison yesterday. Their case had stirred millions of people throughout the world, who had urged that their lives should be spared in view of the particularly tragic circumstances surrounding it. Their execution will undoubtedly damage American prestige throughout the world.

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THE bitter debate about the Rosenbergs' guilt, and the measure of their guilt, will not soon abate. Violent passions have been at work: some, including the President of the United States, have argued that, by their action, the Rosenbergs had precipitated a new atomic world war, and thus, if human beings have ever been capable of changing history, they had. Others have alleged that the Rosenbergs were not guilty; that the evidence against them was framed and that all concerned, from the judge down to the last witness, were crooks, liars and impostors.

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IT is difficult indeed to anticipate what history's verdict on the Rosenbergs and their judges will be when passions have calmed. Perhaps it will be said that the evidence against them, though circumstantial, was too conclusive not to lead to their conviction. But it might also be said that the case against them was not sufficiently convincing to demand, and carry out, the extreme and irrevocable penalty. The extreme is death, and death has now had its way.

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THE United States Supreme Court and President Eisenhower could have prevented the execution. Political instinct and American national self-interest should have guided them in the direction of mercy and reprieve. They refused, their main argument being that political considerations should not interfere with the course of justice. This is not sound reasoning. The death penalty, now carried out, was imposed in a very highly-charged political atmosphere at the height of the cold war, an atmosphere to which judges as well as other human beings are sensitive, whether aware of it or not. Whatever the charges against the Rosenbergs, their acts were committed at a time when even the very term "cold war" had not yet been invented, and they were executed in a period when a distinct improvement had taken place in the international climate. This should have been taken into consideration.

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FLYING home from Europe I read Julius Rosenberg's credo in his exchange of letters with his wife ("Letters from the Death House") just published. In a letter dated December 22, 1952, he describes the journey from his home in the Bronx to the High School he had attended in Seward Park; the atmosphere of the early 'thirties; the radical speeches he had heard; his College associations. He concludes by saying that all this experience had made him a progressive citizen. He had been told many times that he could save himself and his wife if he would collaborate with the Government. But how, he asks, could he deny the principles which had governed his life? That, he says, he could never do; he would be unable "to make his life a lie" as did Greenglass and Bentley (members of the Communist underground apparatus who later cooperated with the Government). "My entire being and my outlook are absolutely against it."

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MOST of us sharply disagreed with the political philosophy of the Rosenbergs, and it is common knowledge by now that their particular brand of "progressivism" has resulted elsewhere, not just in one or two more Sacco's and Vanzetti's but in millions of them. But this does not detract from the tragedy of the Rosenbergs, nor explain the lack of charity and wisdom displayed in Washington bodes little good.

Jerusalem, June 21.

Histadrut Council Opening Devoted To Unemployment

Jerusalem POST Reporter

KFAR SABA, Saturday. — Tonight's opening session of the 300-man Histadrut Council, held at the new Hadar open-air cinema, was devoted to unemployment and the labour situation. The conference—the 67th— will continue until Monday morning.

The meeting was opened by Mr. M. Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, who recalled Histadrut leaders and friends who had died since the last Council meeting in November 1952. Speakers tonight were Mr. M. Elam, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Labour; Mr. Itzhak Haskin (Mapai), Histadrut Treasurer; and Mr. Berl Repetur, Mapam Representative on the Histadrut Executive's Secretariat.

Present at the early sessions were Knesset Speaker Joseph Sprinzak; Finance Minister Levi Eshkol; Minister without Portfolio Pinhas Lavon, and Agriculture Minister Peretz Naphtali.

There are two items on the agenda other than unemployment: membership of the Histadrut in the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and Mapam's appeal against the Histadrut stand on the implementation of unified State education.

Improvement Noted

Mr. Haskin noted an improvement in the unemployment situation after the Labour Federation's "credit fund" had granted IL.2 m. which had employed 4,000 persons for one million work days. He disclosed that a third allocation from this fund of IL.900,000 would be made next month, and would initiate IL.2.5 m.-worth of work and provide 500,000 work-days. The fund will be used to construct 900 dwelling units on farms and in villages as part of the "town to country" movement, as well as in the Popular Housing Scheme, and for homes for new immigrants in town and country.

Mapam and other left-wing elements tried to delete the item on membership of the I.C.F.T.U., but were defeated by 84 to 51. The Mapam resolution calling on the Histadrut to join the world Peace Movement was also defeated by the same vote.

Mr. Haskin stated that the Government plan to raise IL.15 m. by collecting advances on income tax payments would help relieve unemployment. He thought, however, that the tax should be collected over a period of five months instead of the announced ten.

The steps which had been taken by the Government and the Histadrut had brought down unemployment from 25,000 to 17,000, although he noted that the "depth" of unemployment, or the number of days a month each man or woman was without work, had increased slightly.

Only 'Emergency' Work

Mr. Repetur thought that there had been no great improvement in the actual labour situation, as the work so far provided was of an "emergency" nature, whereas it should be for productive purposes.

Like all other speakers tonight, Mr. Elam thought that the most radical and satisfactory means of combatting unemployment was by directing workless men from the towns to agricultural work. He pointed out that generally two-thirds of the unemployed are unskilled workers, and more hands were needed on the farms.

When the meeting opened, Mapam representatives demanded that the Standing Committee should decide immediately to hold a five-minute protest and mourning strike at noon tomorrow in connection with the execution of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. By midnight the Committee had not yet debated the issue.

Mr. Repetur opened his speech with a memorial address for the Rosenbergs. Mapam members present rose as he spoke, but the others remained seated. There was some disturbance in the hall with which the chairman, Mr. Namir, had to contend. Mr. Namir later stated that Mr. Repetur had been scheduled to speak on behalf of the Histadrut Executive and should, therefore, not have brought in the issue of the Rosenbergs.

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Watchman Killed in J'lem Corridor

A watchman was killed and a second wounded when automatic fire was opened on them at close range at two o'clock Friday morning at Beit Nekofa, near Kiryat Anavim, in the Jerusalem Corridor, the Army spokesman announced yesterday. Their weapons were stolen.

Police, using bloodhounds, followed the tracks of two men to the Jordan border, east of Beit Nekofa. To find the murderers, the Israel delegates to the Mixed Armistice Commission asked permission of Jordan to follow the tracks into that country. The spokesman said that no reply had been received. Israel also asked for an emergency meeting of the MAC.

Itim reported that the murdered man, Zoltan Jellinek, 32, leaves a wife and child. The wounded man, E. Richred, 21, was taken to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem with three bullets in his back. Both are immigrants from Yugoslavia.

Stones were again thrown from the Old City wall near Hotel Fast on Friday and yesterday, resulting in injury to an eight-year-old girl.

The girl, Sabiha Hoshani, who was hurt about the legs at 9.30 p.m. on Friday, was treated at Hadassah Hospital and sent home.

Stones were thrown a little while later when a constable came to investigate, and again at 3 p.m. yesterday while children were playing in the street. No one was injured in the last two incidents.

NEABS reported yesterday that the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, meeting in an emergency session on Friday in Jerusalem under the chairmanship of General Bennet L. de Ridder, found Israel guilty of violating the armistice lines on Wednesday in the Umm el Fahm-Kaffin area, north of Tulkarm. The Cyprus station claimed that Commander Hutchinson, of the U.N. Truce Observation Organization, who led an on-the-spot investigation on Thursday, said that the body of an Israel soldier killed in the clash was handed over to the Israel local commander the same morning. Arms and ammunition, allegedly made in Israel, were displayed at the MAC meeting. NEABS also alleged that when the Israelis withdrew, they dragged two other bodies with them.

The MAC voted after Israel's delegates objected to the findings of the investigation on grounds that its members could not join the inquiry team for technical reasons.

Rosenbergs Die as Ike Rejects Clemency Plea

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, POST Correspondent

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Saturday. — Maintaining their innocence to the last, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg walked composedly to the electric chair in Sing-Sing Prison yesterday evening a few minutes before the sun set of the Hudson, beginning the Sabbath.

ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG

President Eisenhower refused to extend clemency in a last-minute statement which read: "The tribunals of the U.S. have adjudged them guilty and the sentence is just."

Observers noted, however, that the Supreme Court yesterday, in vacating Justice Douglas' stay of execution by six to two, did not pass on the justice of the death sentence. The majority opinion by Justice Jackson stated: "The vacating of the stay is not to be construed as endorsing the wisdom or appropriateness of the death sentence in this case. That sentence, however, is permitted by law and, as was previously pointed out, is therefore not within this Court's power of revision."

Black Dissents

Justice Black, dissenting with Justice Douglas, denounced the Government's action in calling on the full Court to overrule Justice Douglas' request for a review of the law in the lower courts, saying, "Judicial haste is peculiarly out of place where the death penalty is to be imposed." Justice Black pointed out that the fairness of the trial and of the sentence had never been passed on by higher courts.

Neither husband nor wife said anything before they died.

The first to die was Julius, at 00.06 GMT (3.06 Israel time). His wife Ethel was pronounced dead 10 minutes later.

Ethel Rosenberg, aged 37, and Julius, aged 35, were the first civilians in American history to be executed for espionage. The pair died just before the setting sun heralded the Jewish Sabbath. Officials had advanced the execution time to spare religious feelings.

President Eisenhower and his Attorney General Herbert Brownell stood by while the couple were prepared for execution in case they decided to "make a clean breast" of a suspected espionage ring in the U.S.

The electrocutions took place after a suspense-filled 24 hours' delay while the Supreme Court studied and rejected a fifth appeal in the case. The couple, who remained unemotional throughout the day, went to their deaths a day after their 14th wedding anniversary.

The Rosenbergs were together throughout the afternoon. They talked through a screen in the women's wing of the death house for six hours. Then they were separated and prepared for the chair.

At midnight GMT the voice of Rabbi Irving Koslowe could be heard in the corridor leading to the death chamber. He was intoning the 23rd Psalm.

Rosenberg, wearing dark brown trousers and a white undervest and slipper-like shoes, was not supported by the guards. His step was steady.

As Mrs. Rosenberg entered the death chamber she was accompanied by Mrs. Helen Evans, prison matron, and Mrs. Lucy Many, a telephone operator. Mrs. Rosenberg turned just before she was placed in the chair, drew Mrs. Evans toward her and they kissed. The matron was visibly affected. She quickly turned and with Mrs. Many left the chamber.

Mother Claims Bodies

OSSINING, NEW YORK, Saturday (UP). — The bodies of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were claimed today by Rosenberg's mother, Mrs. Sophie Rosenberg. She assigned a Brooklyn undertaker to remove them from the slabs in the tiny prison morgue here where they had rested since last night.

A spokesman for the committee to secure justice in the Rosenberg case said that he understood the funeral would be held tomorrow.

WORLD-WIDE PROTESTS

About 200 persons demonstrated outside the heavily-guarded American Embassy in Tel Aviv at noon yesterday protesting against the execution of the Rosenbergs. They shouted anti-American slogans and listened to two speakers denouncing "American justice." Police did not interfere.

In Haifa, a small demonstration was held in the afternoon by the Justice for the Rosenbergs Committee. The marchers carried banners and were accompanied by a loud-speaker van proclaiming anti-American slogans.

Groups of Communists in Tel Aviv were dispersed by police on Friday night when they gathered outside the U.S. Embassy to plead for clemency for the condemned couple.

All over Europe protests have resounded against the carrying out of the sentence. Although the demonstrations in London, Paris, Rome and elswhere were generally sponsored by left-wing groups and Communists, they were backed by prominent individuals of diverse opinion.

In Paris a Save the Rosenbergs Rally on Friday night was supported by Socialist leader Johaux, Picasso, Cocteau, Andre Maurois, Francois Mauriac, George Duhamel, and many other public figures of all shades of opinion. The French press today almost unanimously condemned the "miscarriage of justice."

There were scenes of violence in the Paris streets on Friday night; a hand grenade exploded during an argument on the case and 386 persons were arrested, including a Communist Deputy. Police opened fire to disperse crowds.

Many Paris memorials were piled high today with wreaths inscribed "For the Rosenbergs." Churches were crowded until late Friday night with worshippers praying for the lives of the couple. The American Embassy has been heavily guarded.

Yesterday, about 1,000 Londoners held a memorial meeting in Hyde Park.

In Rome, Milan, Turin and Florence, yesterday, the Communist trade unions called a 15-minute general work stoppage. Even the anti-Communist press in Italy expressed doubts whether the Rosenbergs deserved to die.

Bennike Meets His Staff, M.A.C. Representatives

General Vagon Bennike, the new U.N. Chief of Staff, was yesterday presented at Government House in Jerusalem to members of the Truce Supervision Organization and the chairmen of the Mixed Armistice Commissions by the out-going Chief of Staff, General William E. Riley, ANA reports.

General Bennike is to visit the capitals of Israel and the Four Arab States — Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt — represented on Mixed Armistice Commissions, it was said.

AIR FORCE ACQUIRES JET PLANES IN U.K.

The Israel Air Force has been strengthened by the addition of jet planes which were purchased in England, the Army spokesman announced yesterday. The first planes, which recently arrived, are already in service, it was said.

Glubb Attack on Israel Seen As Rejection of Top-Level Talks

POST Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The reply of General John Glubb, Arab Legion Chief of Staff, to suggestions by Britain and France for "high-level talks" between Israel and Jordan representatives seems to have been given by the British General to the "New York Times." Within a few days of a meeting with Lieut.-General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, during which General Riley is understood to have broached this matter once more, Glubb made an outspoken attack on Israel, accusing this country of plans for territorial expansion, a "psychological urge to bully others after suffering similarly for centuries," trying to maintain the flow of U.S. aid by continuing to speak of an "Arab menace" and trying to use the "Arab threat" as a means of quieting internal crisis.

Although it is understood that the two talks between General Riley and Glubb touched on the question of direct contacts between the two countries, the main purpose of General Riley's visit is said to have been to obtain "background information" on the present situation, as seen from the Jordan side, before handing over to his successor, Major General Vagon Bennike.

'Only a Soldier'

General Glubb, it is understood, has on a number of previous occasions stated that it is not up to him to bring about direct contact between the two countries. He points out that he is "only a soldier" and takes his orders from the Government in Amman. But applications to the civilian authorities also have so far had no effect.

The British Foreign Office appealed some months ago to both Israel and Jordan to arrange for talks at a high level in an effort to regularize the position between the two countries with a view to bringing nearer a peaceful settlement. The British were said to feel at the time that the application to Israel was a formality, as this country has many times expressed a desire for such contacts. The appeal to Jordan came at an unfortunate time, shortly before the new King was crowned and before a change of Government.

The outgoing Government would do nothing to bind its successor. Whether a second application has been made by the British is not known, but it is thought possible that the British Foreign Office is somewhat wary of pressing Amman too hard, in view of the tension in British-Arab relations, especially over the Suez Canal. This may also be the reason why Glubb himself will take no lead in bringing peace nearer if he wishes it, fearing that any pressure on his part would be used for anti-British propaganda within Jordan.

Although it is generally recognized that control of the frontiers carried out by Legion soldiers would do much to minimize infiltration, Glubb has stated that this demand was an Israel "trick" to get him to string out his forces along a long line, thus, weakening its effective powers at any point. He feels that the main task of the Legion is to provide a strong British-controlled force in the large desert areas of Jordan, guarding the eastern flank of the Suez Canal defences.

'Marauders Get Blame For Terrorists' Crimes'

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — A statement by General John Glubb, reported by the "Times" correspondent contains one of the hardest-hitting anti-Israel allegations yet made by Jordan on the subject of marauding. Glubb says, inter alia, that the "Israelis went so far as to conduct British, American, French, and Turkish diplomatic representatives to the scene of crimes committed by Jewish terrorist organizations, claiming they were the work of Jordan infiltrators."

Revealing that five Israel spy rings were broken up by Jordan in the past nine months, Glubb said pointedly that "The one thing which Israel's espionage cannot do is produce information to intercept these alleged Jordan marauding bands."

Accusing Israel of abusing the U.N. machinery, Glubb says, "Real cooperation is impossible so long as the Israelis prefer to falsify the facts in order to try to score a point against Jordan." He implied that many of the crimes attributed to Jordan were in fact committed by Israel.

Position Shaky In Russian Zone, Conant States

BERLIN, Saturday. — U.S. High Commissioner James B. Conant said today that all the evidence he had examined during the day was proof that the Soviet Zone Communist Government was shaky. "The recent demonstrations were not confined to Berlin but spontaneously spread throughout the East Zone," Dr. Conant said.

"The Soviet authorities were obliged to bring in armoured troops because evidently they felt that the Volkspolizei were unreliable. These facts are clear evidence that in spite of eight years of military occupation and persistent propaganda, the inhabitants of the East Zone have not accepted the Communist doctrine."

Dr. Conant also blasted the Red Army's sealing off of East Berlin from the rest of the city as a violation of the Four-Power agreement, and demanded the immediate lifting of "these suppressive measures" which were disrupting the normal life of the city.

Maj.-Gen. T. Timberman, U.S. Commandant of Berlin, said today the Russians now have two mechanized divisions totalling 25,000 men in their sector of the divided city and outnumber total Allied military strength two to one.

Timberman denied emphatically that U.S. or other Western Allies had had anything to do with the rioting. He added that martial law "is no solution, but only a continuation of a bad situation."

The Commander said that reports reaching him indicated that East German police had done most of the shooting, and the Russians had shown "considerable restraint." (AP, UP)

SOVIET CHARGES

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — TASS today described the Western Powers' protest at the Russian methods of putting down the riots in East Berlin this week as an expression of "false indignation." A TASS statement broadcast over Moscow Radio said that the protest was intended "to conceal the truth and escape responsibility for the provocateurs, who were sent into the democratic sector of Berlin to organize arson and street disorders."

The protest referred to was handed to the Berlin representative of the Soviet High Commission by the three Western Commandants in Berlin. It condemned the "irresponsible recourse to military force" by the Russians in putting down the riots of the day before.

Today's TASS statement said that in order to restore order the Soviet authorities were "obliged to apply military measures on June 17."

Communists Demand PW's Rounded Up; Rhee Refuses

Korean Truce Feared in Balance

TOKYO, Saturday (UP). — The U.N. Command was caught squarely in the middle today — between its friends and its foes — as a Korean truce hung in the balance. The next move was up to the U.N. after the Communists today demanded the recapture of some 26,000 escaped prisoners-of-war while the South Korean Government not only flatly refused to give them up but said it would enlist them in its army.

The Communists reacted to the prisoners' escape, which was engineered by President Syngman Rhee of South Korea, with two sharp questions addressed to General Mark Clark, Allied Supreme Commander: Could the Allies keep Rhee in check? they asked. If not, "Does the armistice in Korea include the Syngman Rhee clique?"

Demand Assurance

The letter was handed over to the Allied truce negotiators at Panmunjom. It asked for an assurance that the escaped prisoners would be recaptured and not "press-ganged" into the South Korean army whose leadership all along has threatened to ignore the truce.

Then the Communists adjourned the conference. It can be reconvened at the request of either side.

Pyung Yung Tai, Acting Prime Minister of South Korea, demanded today that General Mark Clark should release all anti-Communist North Koreans still held in prison camps—believed to be about 9,000. He wrote to Gen. Clark: "As regards the 971 prisoners said to have been retaken and several thousands still being kept in the stockades, I ask you to turn them over to us to be released by our own hands, if possible in the manner least likely to cause trouble."

Sounds Warning

Pyung Yung Tai's letter said he regretted "that several scores of prisoners were killed and injured by U.N. guards" and added: "I should like to call your attention to the mutual need to refrain from saying or doing anything that might be likely to provoke the passions of the masses which may be let loose and may easily go beyond control."

The U.N. Command today published a letter from Gen. Clark berating President Rhee for his action. "I cannot at this time estimate the ultimate consequences of this precipitous and shocking action, nor can its effect on the common cause for which we have sacrificed so much during these past several years be forecast," Gen. Clark wrote. The Supreme Commander added that President Rhee had given several assurances that he would take no arbitrary action regarding troops without full previous discussion.

Australian Paper Hits U.N. 'Culpability'

TOKYO, Saturday (UP). — The Australian-owned "Japan News" charged that General Mark Clark's U.N. Command had been guilty of "culpable negligence" in the "reckless" South Korean release of anti-Communist war prisoners.

In an editorial today, however, the "News" said that "cool heads rather than angry passions — however justifiable — are now-needed" to put the truce talks back on the rails.

Rhee's PoW Release 'Gravest Act of War'

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Authoritative sources here today regarded the crisis in Korea, brought about by President Syngman Rhee's release of some 26,000 North Korean prisoners of war, as the gravest since the beginning of the war.

Some officials feared that the U.N. Command would face even worse embarrassment at the hands of the South Koreans if a truce were signed. South Korean troops, nominally under U.N. Command, hold two wings of the battle line and their own leaders could thus cause plenty of trouble.

Officials took small, if humiliating, comfort from the fact that the Communist leaders at last night's meeting of the truce negotiations still appeared to want an armistice.

It was learned that the U.N. Command had been in touch with representatives of nations having forces in South Korea about the danger of prisoners escaping before it became a reality. They were told that the Command took the view that to replace South Korean guards by U.N. troops would have precipitated an open break with the South Korean Government, with whom delicate negotiations were being conducted.

Diplomatic quarters in London believe that Britain will shortly send a strongly-worded protest to the South Korean Government against the release of the prisoners.

The note is expected to reserve Britain's freedom of action in future military and political negotiations with the Communists.

CAMBODIAN KING REPORTED HOME

PNOMPENH, Cambodia, Saturday (UP).—Young King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia, who went into voluntary exile a week ago to head his country's struggle for independence from France, was reliably reported tonight to have crossed the frontier for home.

In Washington, today, Cambodian Ambassador Nong Kimny said that he had received a cable announcing that the King was going home.

Thailand Ambassador in the U.S. Pote Sarasin said that he was also informed by his Government that Sihanouk was returning to Cambodia. "That is very good news; I suppose he has come to some arrangement," Sarasin said.

Kimny stated that he did not know the reason for Norodom's return.

De Gasperi to Form Temporary Gov't

ROME, Saturday (Reuter). — Premier de Gasperi indicated today that he intends to form a temporary centre Government to last until problems raised by the recent general elections have been solved.

An official communique issued after a Cabinet meeting today said that it had been decided to ask the new Parliament to approve a provisional budget for four months.

Nagib Sworn In As First President

CAIRO, Saturday. — Mohammed Nagib was last night sworn in as ancient Egypt's first Republican President at the Abdin Palace. The Cabinet took the oath shortly after.

Abdin, once the home of ex-King Farouk, has been renamed the "Presidential Palace," but Nagib today said that he would not occupy it.

After the swearing-in, Nagib appeared on the central balcony of the palace and acknowledged an ovation from the crowds packed below.

Egypt's 5,000-year old monarchy was formally abolished on Thursday, when a Republic was proclaimed. June 18 was pronounced as National Republican Day.

The swearing-in of the Cabinet was the President's first official function. A Cabinet meeting was held immediately after.

Nagib's proclamation of a Republic stressed that Egyptians would have "the final word" on the type of system they wanted and could choose their own President under the new Constitution.

The new regime would be maintained throughout a three-year transitional period.

Major Saleh Salem, who became Minister of National Guidance, said that the pronouncement would change Egypt's foreign policy. He added, "We shall certainly move faster towards achieving our national aspirations." (Reuter UP)

TEMPORARY VOID

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).—Britain and Egypt temporarily are not in diplomatic relations with each other, it is understood here today. A Foreign Office spokesman said that the replacement of the Egyptian monarchy by a republican constitution will require formal re-recognition by Britain and that the question of re-accreditation of the envoys of the two countries will also arise.

French Crisis Defies Auriol's New Bid

PARIS, Saturday. — Socialist leaders walked out on a meeting of France's elder statesmen, summoned today to plan out a workable programme to salvage the record-long Government crisis.

Experts said that their departure meant that there can be no "national union" Government established and the majority will have to be formed from the right, which has already failed three times during this crisis.

President Auriol yesterday summoned all the leaders of the Parliamentary parties except the Communists and every politician who has ever been a Premier or a Premier-designate — a total of 21 — in a desperate bid to persuade the National Assembly to end the Cabinet crisis.

He asked them to work out a joint political programme so that afterwards he could try to find a Premier-designate who could ask for investiture on lines previously approved by a majority of the Deputies.

Radical leader Andre Marie's bid to become France's 10th post-war Premier failed by 42 votes in the Assembly early yesterday. After a 15-hour debate, M. Marie was unsuccessful in getting the 314 votes required to secure his nomination. The voting was 272 to 209.

The Radical Education Minister's fate was sealed when Popular Republican Deputies, whose votes were vital, decided to abstain. (UP, Reuter)

House Passes $5,000m. Aid Bill; Rejects All Proposed Reductions

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The House last night approved a $4,998,732,500 Foreign Aid Bill to add new strength to the armies and economies of overseas allies in the next year.

The House rejected all moves to slash funds earmarked for Europe, the Near and Far East and Latin America after the Republican Speaker of the House, Mr. Joseph Martin, and the former Democrat speaker, Mr. Sam Rayburn, joined forces to warn that cuts would weaken U.S. security, discourage allied resistance to the Soviets and thus help world Communism.

The action of the House on the Bill, they said, would be a test of Congressional confidence in the leadership of President Eisenhower. The President had originally requested a $5,474m. programme, but the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which redrafted the Administration's Bill reduced the total by $476m. before submitting it to the House for approval.

The vote for passage of the Bill was 280 votes to 108.

It is an authorisation measure which sets a ceiling on funds for foreign aid. The actual amount to be allocated would be determined later in appropriation bills. To become law, the aid programme must also be approved by the Senate, which has yet to act.

The House Bill passed last night would authorize for Europe $2,079,689,870 worth of guns, tanks and planes, and $200m. in economic aid. But it contained a provision which would withhold half of the European military funds until the six-nation European Defence Community Treaty establishing a unified army is fully ratified.

This provision and the earlier reductions made by the House Committee had weakened the force of arguments for further cuts in the House debate.

In addition to direct military aid, Britain was authorized to received $100m. in special defence financing for the production of jet fighters, and France was to receive $100m. for arms production.

For the Near East and Africa $305,212,637 in military aid and $237,792,500 in economic aid, including $140m. for the Arab states, Israel and Iran.

For Latin America, $15m. in military aid and $24,242,000 in economic aid.

An authorization of $400m. for equipping the French, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodian forces fighting the Vietminh in Indo-China was approved, and another $84m. earmarked for economic aid to Indo-China and the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa.

The bill contained a section stating, "Congress favours the negotiation of a Pacific pact consistent with the provisions of the U.N. Charter for the common defence of the free peoples of the Far East, South Asia and the Pacific Ocean area and the participation therein of the U.S."

A total of 180 Democrats, 119 Republicans and one Independent voted for passage of the Bill. Voting against it was 81 Republicans and 27 Democrats.

Allocations For Mid-East Given

The $43,792,500 technical aid to the Near East and Africa is to be distributed as follows (in thousands of dollars):

Egypt 11,876; Ethiopia 1,631; Iran 13,907; Iraq 2,237; Israel 1,521; Jordan 2,258; Lebanon 2,852; Liberia 1,283.5; Libya 1,534; Saudi Arabia 742; Syria 2,937; regional programmes 1,014.

Additional grants:

Palestine refugees, 30,000, African dependent overseas territories, 24,000; special economic assistance to the Arab states, Israel and Iran (allocations secret) 140,000.

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Social & Personal

The President on Friday received the 50 clergymen of the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa now visiting the country. Earlier, the delegation had been received by the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, Mr. Z. Warhaftig. The Chief Rabbi of South Africa, Rabbi L. Rabinowitz, was present.

A reception was held by the Manufacturers' Association last week for Mr. H. Margoliot on his appointment as Commercial Attaché at the Israel Embassy in London. Among those present were the Managers of the Bank's Jerusalem branch, and representatives of the Artisans' Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Jerusalem Economic Corporation.

Professor Walter Clay Lowdermilk, the soil conservation expert now advising the Government, and Mrs. Lowdermilk left by El Al on Friday for a holiday in Europe. Also aboard the plane was Mr. Yosef Buloff, the actor, returning to the U.S. after performances here.

Mr. Shmuel Ben-Zur has been appointed Director of the East European Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was formerly Assistant Director. Mr. Daniel Levine, who has been serving as Acting Director of the Asia Division, has been appointed Director.

The 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus Bernstein of Rishon leZion was celebrated last night in the Sharon Hotel, Herzlia. Family members from abroad were among the guests. Mr. Bernstein came to this country in 1926 from London.

The Hebrew University's Students' Association is to hold a reception for the President, Professor B. Mazar; the Vice-President, Professor M. Even-Ari; and the Administrator, Mr. Y. Aran, at 9 o'clock, Tuesday evening, at the Touring Club in Talbieh, Jerusalem.

The film of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II is being shown this week exclusively at the Armon and Orah Cinemas, Haifa, in addition to the usual programme. *(Advt.)*

OEEC CITIZENS GET FREE ENTRY TO W. GERMANY

BONN, Saturday (Reuter).—The Bundesrat yesterday approved a Government ordinance allowing nationals of member countries of the Organization for European Cooperation to enter West Germany without visas for visits of under three months.

The ordinance will go into force on July 1. Among the countries affected are Belgium, France, Eire, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxemburg, Portugal, Switzerland, Turkey and the American and British zones of Trieste.

'HADOR' CORRESPONDENT DIES IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday (INA). — Mr. Samuel Noam, Argentine correspondent of 'Hador', died yesterday in a Pan-American plane on his way back from Brazil where he had attended a Mapai conference. He was 48.

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GRASS FARM NEAR MIGDAL

By a Special Correspondent

A quarter of an hour's walk from Migdal Ascalon is Israel's only grass farm. About 2,000 dunams of land have been set aside by the Soil Conservation Department for the purpose of producing grass seeds.

Grass for pasture is one of the basic and essential needs of the country in order to cover our stony hills up North, where natural pastures are very scanty. Grassroots hold together and even increase the thin layer of soil which is often washed away by rainfall, or blown away by winds and storms. Thus, it is a protection against erosion, whereas growing grain only adds to the dwindling of the soil. Moreover, pastures of rich, nutritious grass are cheaper and better for cattle than the hay from barley or other grains which is now mainly used for fodder in these areas.

But not enough grass seed is available for the planting of those pastures, and the grass farm in Migdal will provide these much needed seeds.

Work on the grass farm began on a small scale two years ago. The land, which was previously used for orchards, was cleared and irrigation ditches were dug. Last year patches of grass were planted, and some seeds have been harvested. Today, there are about six to seven hundred dunams under cultivation. As more water will be available next year, the farmers will be able to plant, from this year's crop, about twice the area under cultivation now, and — for the first time — sell seeds commercially to various settlements.

Those in charge of the grass farm are struggling against many odds, such as lack of proper tools and adequate machinery; the clogged-up sewage system of Migdal constitutes a headache of its own by flooding the fields.

Seeds and plants available in this country have been collected and selected according to their feeding value and producing capacity. Some were imported from America. The sturdy native plants must be blended with those of higher quality. Three main types of grass will be produced: seeds of winter grasses for irrigated pastures, summer grasses for dry cultivation, and plants to be set out for erosion control, mainly for waterways. The feeding value of all these grasses is far superior to wild grasses. They also provide a steady crop throughout the season, reseeding themselves and being perennials, provide next year's crop without additional work.

Only a handful of people are permanently at work on the grass farm. They are the agronomists who plan and direct the work, supervise unskilled labourers, try out methods and ideas, think out the best ways to meet emergencies, adjust machinery, run the tractors, and do the administrative work.

There are also the unskilled workers, hired by the day — between 50 to 200 men at times. They are mainly recruited from the unemployed of Migdal, and paid partly by the Ministry of Labour and partly by the Department. Dr. Lowdermilk and the heads of the Department are taking a great interest in the development of the farm and are frequent visitors there.

English Court Upholds Israel Divorce Law

LONDON, Saturday. — Mr. Justice Pearce, in the Divorce Court here last Monday, made a declaration that a Beth Din Bill of Divorcement was valid under English law, on the undefended petition for a declaration only of Mrs. Hannah Har-Shefi, who married Mr. Elchanan Har-Shefi in Israel in January, 1950.

The Bill of Divorcement was granted in London in September, 1951, and Mrs. Har-Shefi asked the Court to declare that she was unmarried under English law. In March, 1953, the Court of Appeal had decided by a majority that Mrs. Har-Shefi was entitled to bring the present petition.

Mr. Justice Pearce, giving judgment, said that the main difficulty which arose was whether the English Courts would recognise a religious divorce in England as dissolving a marriage. He said that he was satisfied by the evidence that in conformity with Jewish law the husband presents a Bill of Divorcement to his wife before the Chief Rabbi of the Beth Din in London.

"I am satisfied by the evidence of the senior ecclesiastical judge of that Court" continued his Lordship, "that the divorce did take place and that it was valid according to Jewish law. My view is that this Court must recognize the validity of that divorce. This marriage has been dissolved by the only form of divorce which is open to a person of the husband's faith domiciled in Israel. That must be a valid divorce under English law." *(T.T.)*

Curriculum Changes At Hebrew University

Changes are to be introduced this autumn in two sections of the B.A. curriculum, "Basic Studies" and "Fields of Concentration," at the Hebrew University.

Regarding Basic Studies, which was formerly compulsory for all students, those secondary school graduates whose marks in Oral and Written Expression, Hebrew Literature and Jewish History were "good" or higher, will be permitted to concentrate on given subjects in the fields of Jewish Studies. Other students, however, will continue to take all the courses.

Fields of Concentration are to be expanded to comprise two full fields instead of one field and a supplementary field which was equivalent to half a minor subject.

The University believes that the programme for the B.A. degree has a threefold purpose: firstly, it offers facilities for higher education for students who are unable for some reason to work for a master's degree; secondly, it provides a bridge between general secondary education and specialized academic training for a profession; and thirdly, the institution of the B.A. degree has facilitated the process of determining which students are capable of research on a higher academic level.

THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE

SLIGHT REACTION AFTER SHARP RISE

TEL AVIV.—Tavei Dollar rose further from IL.-.823 on June 11 to IL.-.910 on Tuesday; after a slight reaction on profit-taking they closed at IL.-.865 on Thursday. Palestine Electric which had risen by 9 points between June 11 and 16 closed on the 18th at 196% for London and 191% for Israel Register. Govt. of Palestine Bearer Bonds, which had been neglected for a considerable time, attracted interest and prices improved during the week by some 3 points, closing on Thursday for 1st and 3rd issue at 70½%, 2nd issued 69¼% and 4th issue 68%. Palestine Cold Storage 7% debentures rose 2 points to 131%, while other securities showed only slight changes. 3½% Israel Government Loan 1953/57 remained steady at around 82%.

NEW YORK.—Prices recovered in Wall Street on June 15, and a somewhat firmer tendency set in after the 1953 low level had been reached. It is still hoped that the Excess Profit Tax will expire on June 30. The firmness in wheat on June 16 and 17 also played some part along with helpful business news both in the form of actual developments and expectations of things to come. The Dow Jones Averages for 30 industrials were 265.74 on June 17 as against 263.35 on June 10, and for 20 rails 102.49 as against 100.80.

LONDON.—The market for British Government securities was depressed in connection with the issue of a second tranche of 3% Exchequer Stock 1960 amounting to £100m. On June 17, the first day of the new account, business remained unchanged, and price movements were few and insignificant. After small gains in Japanese and German bonds, a more cautious tendency set in with the news of the disturbances in East Berlin. Reuters daily index for gilt-edgeds was 84.7 on June 17 as against 85 the week before, and for industrials 133.4 (134.5).

GOLD. — For the first time in several weeks there was a slight improvement in the price of gold in Paris: 1 kilo gold which on June 11 was ffrs. 492,000 improved to ffrs. 496,000 on June 16. Sovereigns were ffrs.4,420 on June 14 as against ffrs. 4,400 the day before. This is explained by the internal political situation in France. On the other hand, the world free market price for gold in terms of U.S. currency dropped to $36.35:36.45 on June 15, as against $36.50:36.60 the previous week.

COMMODITIES. — The news from Korea resulted in a further decline in world markets. U.K. commodities index was 497,5 on June 17 after 498.1 on the 9th. Moody's commodities index dropped to 410.4 on the 15th from 413.6 on the June 9. A conspicuous slump was noticed in free market wheat prices which, on June 12, crushed through the two dollar mark without any significant resistance. The week's crop report confirmed the forecast that this year's wheat harvest in the U.S. will exceed one billion bushels, much in excess of normal requirements. On June 16, however, a sharp recovery in wheat futures headlined the commodities market, trading was brisk, and prices rose by 5 to 8 cents. The firm tendency in wheat continued on June 17. The increased volume of farm products and a decline in export demand, caused the U.S. Government to increase its price support considerably. At the end of April, the Government has tied up $3,135m. in these price support operations, an increase of 95% in the last 12 months.

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FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15, 8.30, 11.00 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8.00 a.m., 1.15 and 6.30 p.m.; Turkish: 10.00 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.45 Piano Recital (R). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.40 Violin Recital: Shmuel Ashkenazi. 5.00 Tea Time Music (R). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra, Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger: Overture in D minor (W.F. Bach); First Movement of the Viola Concerto (J.C. Bach); Symphony No. 2 (P.E. Bach). 7.30 Talk. 7.40 Music (R). 7.45 "What's New in Science." 8.00 "Wells of Work." 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra: Conductor: Andre Kostelanetz: Overture "Romeo and Juliet" (Tchaikovsky); "La Valse" (Ravel); "An American in Paris" (Gershwin). 9.30 Round-table Discussion: "Death Penalty." 10.00 "Kol Zion Lagola" Vocal Ensemble: Songs. 10.20 Variety. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

460, 235, 216, 430 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Story. 5.45 Talmud Lesson. 6.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 1.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 "Personal Column," by Walter Eytan. 11.55 The Fourth Maccabiah.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 218, 229 & 228 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 6.55 Entrance Ticket. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.45 Sports. 8.00 I.A.F. Band. 8.30 News. 8.45 Music. 9.30 "Round-Table Discussion." 10.00 Close Down.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN "DAN" TRANSPORT
NOTICE No. 2

Following our announcement of June 8, we are pleased to inform the public of several new improvements which have been introduced on "Dan" bus routes, after having been approved by the Ministry of Communications and the Transport Committee of the Tel Aviv Municipality. The improvements will come into effect as from today, June 21.

1. ROUTE No. 5. The Route will be extended to the section of Rehov Arlosoroff between Rehov Sokolow and Rehov Dizengoff, and buses will travel via Rehov Hanevi'im—Shlomo Hamelech, and in this way will serve passengers travelling to the Zamenhoff Kupat Holim.

2. ROUTE No. 12. The route will be extended as far as Shikun Meqorim, and buses will travel via Kiryat Meir—Rehov Bloch (there and back). A standard price of 45 prutah will be charged for tickets to any station on the route.

3. ROUTES 16a and 16. Buses will travel via Rehov No. 264 and will leave in accordance with a fixed timetable.

Further improvements are now under discussion with the responsible authorities and the public will be informed of them on their approval.

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REVIEW OF FRIDAY'S PRESS

Foresee 'Friendly Struggle' With America Over J'lem Refugees

While welcoming the almost unanimous stand of the Knesset on the problems of foreign policy, "Ha'aretz" (Independent) warns that Israel may well be compelled to enter a serious, though certainly friendly struggle with the U.S. over the status of Jerusalem and the refugees, and we should therefore concentrate our efforts on the main issues, the paper urges.

The parliamentary correspondent of "Hatzofe" (Hapoel Hamizrahi) stresses the fact that Israel's claim for free access to the Holy Places in the Old City of Jerusalem and in other Jordan controlled territory was for the first time officially pronounced from the rostrum of the Knesset by the Foreign Minister at the winding up of last week's debate on foreign policy. The only one to raise the question during the debate, was Mr. Y. Raphael, the spokesman of Hapoel Hamizrahi, the correspondent points out.

Mr. Sharett's remarks on Israel's traditional religious and moral mission are rather wryly commented upon by "Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael), which feels that they were intended for export only, while the Minister's party, Mapai, is busy eradicating belief in God and in religious values.

In this connection the paper mentions the proposed National Service for Orthodox girls who are at present exempted from military service.

"Omer" (Histadrut) says that the "cynical and impudent approach" of General Glubb, British Commander of the Arab Legion, whose statement on the border situation is "a mixture of Oriental fantasy and European anti-Semitism," clearly illuminates the difficult situation which faces Major-General Vagon Bennike, the new Chief-of-Staff of the U.N.T.S.O. The paper urges General Riley's successor to show firmness towards the aggressors, in order to discharge his important task of keeping peace in the Middle East.

Soul of Democracy

Mr. Nathan Alterman, the poet, devotes his weekly verse column in "Davar" to the case of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, pointing out that not only they and the happiness of their small children are at stake under the shadow of the electric chair of Sing-Sing, but the soul of Democracy itself. The very fact that the conscience of Democracy has dared to challenge the executioner, and defy hysteria, is no mean achievement, though the outcome is still in the balance, the poet asserts.

Professor Einstein's call to go to prison rather than yield to the inquisition of the McCarthy Committee, is hailed by Mr. M. Begin, M.K., in "Herut" as a true expression of the American democratic tradition, which began with the defiant Declaration of Independence. The author acknowledges that the present witch-hunt in the U.S. is the outcome of the understandable fear of totalitarian Communism, but unfortunately the very methods of Soviet Communism are imitated by its adversaries. Mr. Begin says that Professor Einstein's courageous voice should also be heard in Israel, where the Government is establishing a tyrannical regime.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) sees in the surprising developments in Eastern Berlin and South Korea symptoms of increasing popular resistance to Communist expansion, both in Europe and Asia.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist), on the other hand, regards the Berlin riots and President Syngman Rhee's step as provocative acts, instigated by Nazis and other warmongers, in order to wreck the recent hopes for peace.

Ein Harod Case

"Davar" in its leading article endorses the appeal of the Histadrut's Agricultural Centre to the rival factions at Ein Harod, to start rebuilding their divided house in accordance with the decision of the Histadrut.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) says that the Histadrut Council, which met yesterday evening at Kfar Saba and continues its deliberations today, should have concentrated on the burning problem of unemployment only, and shelved the controversial issue of joining the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. According to the paper, Mapai's proposal was not motivated by Israel or Labour interests, but rather by a "dictate" from abroad. The paper once more emphasizes its opposition to the abolition of the labour trend in education, another issue on the agenda of the Council.

The Prime Minister, Mr. D. Ben Gurion, in an article in "Davar" explains his stand on the issue of the flag, arguing in friendly fashion with those members of the Mapai Central Committee who hold different views. The Prime Minister points out that not just the question of flag is at stake, since nobody in Mapai opposes either the national or the Labour flag, but the question is rather whether there is to be State or party education, and more particularly whether Israel is to be a real State or fictitious one. For a State and a state school can only have one flag, while the Labour flag has its legitimate place on Labour institutions, at workers demonstrations etc., Mr. Ben Gurion maintains, stressing his firm belief in Socialist Zionism.

California Coach Raps U.S. "-Stars"

BERKELEY (Calif.) (UP). — Dr. Miles Hudson, Rugby Union coach at the University of California, rapped the Australian rugby tour of an American "All-Star" team as ridiculous and said that "very few" members of the U.S. team ever played rugby before.

Hudson made the attack after word came back to the west coast that Mike Dimitro, former UCLA football star, had taken a club to Australia that was so inept that the Sydney team just toyed with it. "Dimitro claims that the boys he took to Australia all played rugby on the west coast," said Dr. Hudson. "That is absolutely erroneous. The three boys from Stanford, Al Kirkland, Vince Jones and Jack Bonetti are the only ones that ever had a full season's experience in rugby. Those three fellows from Stanford are fine rugby players."

Hudson was disgusted with the tour "Down Under."

"We've been trying to build up rugby here for several years now and had just got to the point where we were making some progress," he said. "We play a pretty fair brand in our Universities. The touring Wallaby team from Australia edged us, 12-6, here in a good game played in 1948. Probably every College team on the coast could trounce the Dimitro Club.

"I'm trying to point out that the Dimitro Club isn't a representative rugby team from the U.S. It has no connections with the Rugby Union clubs or players on the Pacific Coast. It is entirely a Los Angeles promotion by Dimitro, who seems to have done a great job of selling a bill of goods to the Australian rugby people."

Tel Aviv Not Going To Turkey

The Tel Aviv Selected basketball team will not be going to Istanbul this month to participate in an inter-City competition with Istanbul, Belgrade and Athens. The Israel Amateur Sports Federation have replied thanking the Turks for their invite but stating a team was unable to take part as there was insufficient time for training and team choosing. The event is being held under the patronage of the Turkish Prime Minister and is being organized by the Turkish Sports Editors' Association.

Water Sport Date Negotiations

Negotiations are still proceeding as regards dates for meetings between a Naples selected team and Tel Aviv-Haifa combined selected. The Israel Amateur Sports Federation has suggested to the Italians that the first meeting be held in Naples in August, with the return in Israel in 1954. A postponement from earlier dates was forced because of the Fourth Maccabiah in September.

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Olson Beats Young After 15 Rounds

NEW YORK, Saturday (UP). — Carl Bobo Olson, of Hawaii, used a persistent close-quarter attack last night to win the American middleweight championship on a unanimous 15-round decision over Paddy Young, of New York, in Madison Square Garden.

Possession of the newly created title carries with it the right to a fight with England's Randy Turpin in August for the vacant world crown. Olson, one of the cleverest boxers in any division, might have chosen to beat Young at long range; but instead, he beat the New York left hook specialist at his own game of "in-fighting."

Olson's steady rain of combination blows had Young bleeding from a bad cut over his right eye, from gashes above and below his left eye, and also from the nose. But the game Irish kid from New York's teeming West Side was still fighting after the final bell rang.

Slope-shouldered Olson suffered a gashed lower lip when struck by a left hook to the mouth in the 12th session. There were no knockdowns, and neither was in serious trouble at any time, although Paddy was rocked on several occasions with punches to the head. The left hook that cut his right brow in the 13th, sent him lurching toward the ropes. Both of the 24-year-old contenders were aggressive, and they fought at close-quarters most of the time. However, it was the stockier, brown-haired Young who usually gave ground.

Where to go

★ JERUSALEM ★
9-1; 4-6: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
9-5: Sanhedria Tombs.
9-1; 3-6: Exhibition: "One Nation Out of Many Peoples." Drawings of Anna Ticho. "Portuguese Synagogue in Amsterdam." Emanuel de Witte (1616-1692). Bezalel.
11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod.
10-1; 4-7: Ziona Tagger exhibition: Beth Ha'Halutzot, Rehavia.
★ TEL AVIV ★
10-1; 4-7: 3 Exhibitions: Paintings by Yehezkel Streichman; Sculptures by Rudolf Lehmann; Arts and Crafts of the Far East. Museum.
11-1; 4-7: Exhibition of 9 Israeli Artists, Art Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi.
8.30 p.m. "Saint Joan." Chamber Theatre, Mograbi.
★ HAIFA ★
10-1: Jewish Antiquities, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Arabic Art. Municipal Museum, Town Hall.
4-7 p.m.: Exhibition of acquarelles by Millia Laufer; Artists' Home, 23 Uno Ave. (opp. Carmelia Court).
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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	[illegible]	16	26	28
Tiberias	40	21	34	35
Haifa Port	70	22	26	27
Natanya	65	21	27	28
Tel Aviv Port	76	21	28	28
Lydda Airport	65	18	28	31
Jerusalem	30	17	25	29
Beersheba	44	—	31	33
Eilat	18	—	38	40

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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A CROWDED HALL of 1,100 persons waited in vain last night to hear Claudio Arrau, the guest pianist, give a recital at the Ohel Shem Hall in Tel Aviv. After some minutes, they were told that the artist could not appear as he had collapsed from fatigue and stomach disorder. He is expected to be well enough to appear with the Orchestra tonight in Tel Aviv. The recital will be given later. Last week, Mr. Rafael Kubelik was also indisposed.

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FOR IGNORING policemen's orders to "move away" from a street opposite the former Soviet Legation where he had remained standing after a demonstration last February, Leon Ascher, 22, of Jaffa was fined IL.30 with the alternative of one week's imprisonment, in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Friday. The accused was acquitted of a charge of "disturbing the public peace." The Magistrate pointed out that Ascher was alone at the time.

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PLEADING GUILTY to taking a IL.50 bribe from a ma'bara resident to arrange housing in a pre-fab in the Afula Amidar housing estate, Levi Birchevsky, 37, director of the Afula ma'bara "B", was fined IL.400 in the Haifa District Court on Friday.

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THE HAIFA District Court is to pronounce sentence this morning in the case of Rav-Samal Haim Simhon who is charged with the murder of Mira Artzi, of Degania.

Eshkol Makes Appeal On Tax Advance

The Income Tax Advance Law is to serve a twofold purpose — to help the country towards economic independence and to prevent the demoralization of the jobless, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol told the nation last night over Kol Yisrael.

In his talk, in which he called upon every citizen to fulfil his duty towards his unemployed brother, he noted that the Law was not an additional tax, but a loan which would be repaid during the next three years. Each person's share cannot be considered excessive in the light of the purpose of the Law, he said. The Minister expressed his confidence that everyone would cooperate willingly to make the law a success.

Forced unemployment destroyed the dignity, the personal security and the health of the breadwinner, who, with his children, were the nation's defenders. Unemployment constituted a danger both to the jobless and to the State, Mr. Eshkol stated.

Haifa Taxi-Drivers Park in Protest

Jerusalem POST Bureau

HAIFA, Saturday.—Angry Haifa taxi-drivers parked their cabs before the local Town Hall about noon yesterday as a demonstration against what they termed the Municipality's breach of agreement with their Association. The agreement, they said, concerns the absorption of 212 unorganized taxi-drivers in the existing ranks and provides for consultation on all matters of mutual interest to the Municipality and the Association.

However, 12 disabled drivers formed a company of their own, refused to join existing ranks individually, even when offered admission without payment, and demanded from the Municipality the allocation of three new ranks. Without prior consultation and in disregard of the agreement, the Mayor granted them three ranks at places where they infringed on the trade of existing companies, the drivers' spokesman claimed.

A Town Council spokesman said that the Municipality could not accept the Association's demand to determine when and where new taxi ranks would be created. The case concerned invalids, deserving special consideration, and the taxi ranks had agreed to take them in only against a consideration, although much lower than is usually charged.

Basketballers Get Gala Welcome

Jerusalem POST Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — With music blaring from loudspeakers, hundreds of excited onlookers, and a welcome sign flung out to greet them, the selected Israel basketball team stepped from the El Al Dakota plane which brought them yesterday from Istanbul where they played two games following their recent victories in the European basketball championship games in Moscow.

After a few words of greeting from Mr. Israel Karmi, Chairman of the Israel Sports Federation, which was acknowledged by Mr. Baruch Bagg, captain of the team, a convoy of some 60 buses and cars, led by a beflagged jeep, carrying a loudspeaker, drove to Tel Aviv. At every *ma'bara*, village and quarter, the sportsmen were greeted by cheers and applause.

A reception for the team which was to have been given by Mayor Haim Levanon yesterday afternoon was postponed until 4 p.m. tomorrow owing to a four-hour delay in the plane's arrival.

A match between the returning team and a Selected Tel Aviv group is to be held on the floodlit Holon Hapoel field at 8.30 tomorrow night, under the patronage of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Special buses are to take spectators from the Tel Aviv Central Bus Station at 6.30 p.m.

Results of Games

Today's sports activities were centred on National League basketball games, with the following results:

Tel Aviv Hapoel—Tel Aviv Maccabi Hakoah 51-32; Tel Aviv Maccabi Hatzafon—Haifa Maccabi, 30-25; Brit Maccabim Atid—Jerusalem Hapoel, 47-43; Mishmar Haemek Hapoel—Ramat Gan Maccabi, 59-32.

Rehovot Maccabi Bezalel were awarded the Arie Gissensen Cup after winning all the games in Rishon LeZion this afternoon.

Lulu Hadat, of Haifa Hapoel, was outstanding when he ran the 3,000 metre-dash in 9:07.8—beating the national record by 10 seconds in the Hapoel championship track and field competitions in which athletes from 40 Hapoel branches participated. The competitions, which took place in Rehovot, ended with Petah Tikvah on top with 37 points, Tel Aviv Hapoel as runner-up with 36 points, and two third places taken by Kfar Saba and Haifa with 34 points each.

A performance of gymnastics and eurhythmics organized by Tel Aviv Hatzafon Maccabi under the direction of Professor and Mrs. Zoltan Dickstein, was held in the Mograbi Hall here last night. One hundred participants between the ages of four and 60 performed.

Today's football scores follow: FIRST DIVISION: Ramat Gan Hapoel—Haifa Maccabi 1-0. SECOND DIVISION: Jerusalem Betar—Jerusalem Hapoel, 3-1; Tel Aviv Hakoah—Jerusalem Maccabi, 5-1; Ramat Gan Maccabi—Jaffa Maccabi, 2-2; Sha'arayim Maccabi—Mahane Yehuda Hapoel, 2-2; Bnei Yehuda Tel Aviv—Rehovot Hapoel 2-2.

J'LEM STAFF ASKED "TO WORK WITH WILL"

The Workers' Committee of the Jerusalem Municipality called on all employees to get down "to work with a will" as they ended the general strike on Friday. Mr. S. Brinker, head of the Sanitary Department, said that five vans had been recruited from the city engineer's department, to help remove a week's accumulation of rubbish. No extra workers were detailed to the job, and the gangs stopped work at 2 p.m. with many roads still littered and the Mahane Yehuda market stalls unwashed.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV: Meat: 500 grams, Het Gimel 32 cards; Poultry on Aleph, Bet, Gimel cards: 250 grams, Vav 24; for elderly persons: 500 grams, Nun 9, Nun 10; for invalids: 500 grams, Het Aleph 1, Het Bet 2 and Het Bet 11 cards. Butter: 100 grams, Het Aleph 2, Het Bet 11, Het Gimel 23 cards. Eggs for invalids: 4, Het Aleph 2; 3, Het Bet 11; 5, Het Gimel 23. Flour: 750 grams, coupon 369. Meal: 600 grams, Aleph, Bet cards, no coupon, temp. 25. Noodles: 300 grams, no coupon, temp. 13. Oil: 400 grams, Kaf 10, temp. 1.

16-Year-Old Wins Flight to Holland

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). —A round-trip to Holland by KLM and a seven-day visit there was the first prize awarded to 16-year-old Avihoit Rabinitzky, of Kiryat Haim, for his cardboard model of a KLM DC-6 aircraft. There were 2,500 entries. The competition was sponsored by the Israel Flying Club in cooperation with KLM. The awards were made in the Z.O.A. house here yesterday.

Reparations Orders Await Dan's Return

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The first orders for investment goods under the Reparations Agreement are to be placed shortly after Mr. Hillel Dan, Chairman of the Reparations Company, returns from Germany, The POST learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

Mr. Dan is also studying offers and possibilities of purchasing goods in "Group Two" of the Reparations list. This category includes industrial machinery, vehicles and electrical and communications equipment. It is expected that these orders will total about 100m. German marks.

Raw materials, chemicals and various ferrous and non-ferrous metals which are included in the First and Third Groups are expected to appear on the local market in about three months. Orders for these total nearly 100m. marks.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry circles point out that before the commodities arrive, particularly investment goods, the Government will have to solve the question of purchase credits. The marketing of raw materials and staples is expected to cause certain difficulties which will be aggravated with the arrival of industrial equipment if the problem of credits is not solved by then.

These sources claim that local industry is not financially able to purchase investment goods under present conditions, particularly since the actual investment in establishing new plants or enlarging existing ones is expected to cost one-and-a-half times the cost of the purchases. If no solution is found permitting goods to flow directly from the port to the purchasers, the Reparations Company will have to establish large warehouses for the commodities, it was said.

ISRAEL TO REGISTER GERMAN PATENTS

BONN, Saturday (INA). — Israel is again to register patents and trade marks of West German nationals, according to a note from the Israel Purchasing Mission in Cologne, released by the Federal Press Office here.

Those patents and trade marks registered in Palestine prior to the war and confiscated by Israel under the Enemy Property law of 1950, can be re-registered and protected.

Army Prosecutor Censures Police

TEL AVIV, Saturday. (ITIM).—Sgan-Aluf Moshe David, the Chief Army Prosecutor, censured the police yesterday for bringing before him Shimon Bechar, one of the detainees in the terrorist organization probe, a fortnight after his arrest. He said that this illustrated administrative disorder within the police force. Sgan-Aluf David remanded Bechar in custody for 15 days under the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 1948, and directed that the man be brought before him again when the investigation was completed.

Police Inspector Levi Rachum, who has appeared for the police in all the terrorist hearings, made his standard statement that the terrorist organization in question was widespread and endangered the security of the State. Mr. A. Dinari appeared for Bechar, the first time that a lawyer has been present during a remand in custody by the Army Prosecutor.

Avraham Lieberman was released in IL.300 bail by Sgan-Aluf David yesterday. His lawyer, Mr. S. Golod, interviewed him last week at the Metulla police station. Also released yesterday was Max Fogel, a student of the Hebrew University who was detained in Jerusalem a week ago.

Dov Parshan, one of the three young men charged with having conspired to bomb the Ministry of Education building in Jerusalem was freed on IL.1,000 bail by Magistrate M. Even-Tov in Jerusalem on Friday.

U.S. Vice-Consul in J'lem Transferred to Zagreb

Jerusalem POST Reporter

Mr. John P. Rhodes, Public Affairs Officer and U.S. Vice-Consul in Jerusalem will shortly be transferred to Zagreb, Yugoslavia, *The POST* is informed. No Public Affairs Officer will be attached to the Jerusalem Consulate, but Mr. W. Kramer, Attaché, and Miss A. Riley, Assistant Attaché, in Tel Aviv, will visit Jerusalem alternately to direct the USIS reading-room and other information facilities provided by the Consulate. The Consulate has reduced his staff in Haifa in accordance with a global cutting-down, and it has been decided also to curtail the Jerusalem service.

A noted musicologist of Cincinnati, Mr. Rhodes established a tradition of service to cultural life in the Capital which saw a great extension of contact between the Consulate and the public. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes kept Open House to a large circle of young people, who greatly appreciated the drama club, record recitals and poetry reading. Their departure will also be regretted by the Israel-American Friendship League in Jerusalem, which made representations to the American Embassy in Tel Aviv, to postpone Mr. Rhodes' transfer scheduled to take place six months before the expiration of the usual two-year term.

'Revolutionary' Five Year Railway Development Plan Described

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Speedy travel along the coast and to Jerusalem will be provided by railroad instead of buses, according to a five year plan presented by Mr. Haim Razily, Director General of the Ministry of Communications, when speaking yesterday at the weekly luncheon of the Commercial and Industrial Club here.

Within five years, Israel, according to the plan, will have an hourly service from Tel Aviv to Haifa and to Jerusalem. The Tel Aviv-Haifa run will take between an hour and an hour-and-a-quarter, depending on the number of stops, while the trip from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is scheduled to take between an hour-and-a-half and an-hour-and three quarters. The Haifa-Jerusalem route will be covered in three to three-and-a-half hours. The railway line to Beersheba is to be completed by that time and extended further south to the phosphate works, the Dead Sea works at S'dom and other quarries in the Negev.

Natanya and Herzlia will by then be suburbs of Tel Aviv providing a host of daily commuters, Mr. Razily said.

In the first phase, to last between now and next March, the new coastal railway line is to be extended to Rehov Arlosoroff in Tel Aviv, where a large modern railway passenger station with an adjacent bus terminal will be constructed. There will be more trains on the Haifa line by next March, but not as many as one would wish, for lack of equipment.

In the second phase, Wadi Musrara is to be redirected to the sea (between Jaffa and Bat Yam). This should spare Tel Aviv its floods from the wadi and provide a bed for a rail link between the coast and the Lydda-Jerusalem lines. There will also be a trunk highway along the wadi. As part of this phase, the railway to Beersheba is to be completed (probably by December 1954) when the Diesel engines for speedy coastal trains are planned to have reached the country.

In the third phase, the trains will run along the Wadi Musrara bed, a IL.5m. project to be shared equally by the Ministry of Communications and the Tel Aviv Municipality. Before the completion of the line across Tel Aviv, buses will connect the coastal line with the Lydda link. The entire plan, "austere but realistic," would "revolutionize our land transport," Mr. Razily commented.

Meanwhile, the public has to suffer. The recent drive for "improvements" met with opposition from the public and the Ministry of Finance. The former refused to pay higher fares, a precondition for dispensing with overcrowded buses, while the latter was reluctant to invest millions in new buses, spare parts and petrol. Over one half of the total of bus passengers now travel standing.

VISITORS LEAVE

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The four-man delegation from the Socialist League of Yugoslavia, headed by Mr. Velko Vlachovic, editor of the newspaper "Borba," left by Cyprus Airways on their way home yesterday, after a ten-day visit at the invitation of Mapai.

Other members of the delegation were Professor Boris Sicherl, Mr. Stevan Sendar, and Miss Milia Saric. They were seen off at the airport by the Yugoslav Minister to Israel, Dr. Dusan Bratic; Mr. M. Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut; Mrs. L. Kaddar, of the East European Division of the Foreign Ministry, and Knesset Members M. Argov and Y. Kesseh.

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Britain Worried By Cairo's Timing

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM
POST Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — Egypt's proclamation that she is now a republic is treated with reserve here. Press comment pretends to regard it as a formality, but official quarters are known to be worried by the timing.

The announcement had been expected for the first anniversary of the Nagib regime on July 24. Its suddenness is interpreted as a move to gain American goodwill in the next round of the "national struggle." It is recalled that last month Mr. Dulles asked President Nagib to maintain the status quo for one month after he returned to Washington in order to enable Mr. Eisenhower's Administration to formulate its policy on the Canal zone issue.

General Nagib has done exactly that. The inference is that Cairo plans to embark on the second round of the Suez offensive, and is making use of its political rear.

Drastic Action Forecast

Internally, the change removes the last constitutional mechanism whereby the regime could have been changed or blocked should its projects miscarry. More drastic action against the landed oligarchy is now forecast as a corollary to the "national struggle," both aspects of the policy fitting the present American search for nationalist movements capable of winning popular support.

This subject is certain to come up at Bermuda, and Egypt's hurry to cut the last remaining institutional link with her monarchist and pro-British past, is interpreted here as a bold attempt to forestall any move by Mr. Churchill to obtain Mr. Eisenhower's support for a strong stand on the Canal.

Although these preoccupations are not voiced publicly here, it is probably no accident that "The Times" today deals sympathetically with recent Israel criticism of Washington's Middle East policy.

'Times' Says U.S. Policy On M.E. Disturbs Israel

LONDON Saturday (Reuter). — "The Times" wrote today that it believed that there was anxiety in Israel over the Middle East policy of the present U.S. Government.

The paper declared that the prospect of misunderstanding between Jerusalem and Washington is taken very seriously in Israel because American help has, until now, been a condition of her survival.

"There was a great contrast between the sober spirit in which the Knesset discussed foreign affairs this week and the stormy turbulence of the debate a fortnight ago on Mr. Ben Gurion's settlement of the recent Cabinet crisis, "The Times" commented.

"It is one of Israel's strengths that her policy can maintain a working unity in her dealings with the outside world, however deeply she may be divided on domestic issues.

"Fears Confirmed"

"Several passages in the report which Mr. Dulles made to the American people on June 1 are taken in Israel to confirm the fears previously expressed with growing frankness that the Middle East policy of President Eisenhower's Administration is likely to depart in some respects from the lines which linked Washington and Jerusalem in such cordial understanding while Mr. Truman was President.

"The debate showed that there are aspects of Mr. Dulles' outlook with which Israel cannot agree. For example, she will oppose with all her might any supply of arms to the Arab States before her differences with them are adjusted. This may be a serious obstacle to Mr. Dulles' idea that the security of the Middle East should grow from within and that the U.S. should strengthen the "inter-related defences" of the countries which want strength," "The Times" said.

Discrimination at U.S. Medical Schools Claimed

NEW YORK, Saturday (UP). — The American Jewish Congress charged today that strong evidence exists that most medical schools in New York State "appear to treat Jewish applicants for admission less favourably than non-Jewish applicants."

A three-year study submitted to the State's Board of Regents by Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Chairman of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, revealed that four of the nine schools examined accepted so low a proportion of Jewish scholarship winners "as to raise a strong presumption of discrimination."

Among them was cited Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and Cornell University's Medical College.

J.D.C. Appeals For 'Hard-Core' Camp

NEW YORK, Saturday (UP).—Mr. Samuel Haber, Director of Joint Distribution Committee activities in Germany, yesterday urged that the last remaining Jewish displaced persons camp in Germany be maintained as long as its inmates have to stay there for lack of immigration possibilities.

Mr. Haber, who had just returned from an inspection trip of camp Foehrenwald near Munich, said that there were still 2,000 "hard core" inmates who will not be accepted by any country because of chronic ailments.

He countered the demands of German authorities that the camp be closed down, and said that the UJA would try to raise the funds to maintain the camp themselves.

Disappointed Candidate Tries Violence

A disappointed candidate for membership in Kibbutz Ramat Rahel, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, was arrested early yesterday morning after he allegedly attempted to strangle Eliahu Sokolsky, 28, a member of the settlement.

Noah Stern, the arrested man, apparently entered Sokolsky's room while he was asleep and reportedly tried to strangle him. Sokolsky defended himself, and scratches were found on Stern's face and bloodstains on his clothes.

Asher Golub, another member of the kibbutz, was awakened by Sokolsky's cries and succeeded in pulling Stern away.

Sokolsky was treated at Hadassah Hospital and then sent home.

'No Intention Of Curtailing Freedom'

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Government has no intention of curtailing the freedom of political parties or the freedom of the press by introducing the Crimes Against the State Bill, Mr. P. Rosen, the Minister of Justice, said at a luncheon sponsored by the Progressive Party here yesterday.

Propaganda that kept within the law was welcome, as it preserved the country from despotism, Mr. Rosen said. A democracy, however, must be firm with those who intend to undermine its foundations. The Bill, he stated, was similar to the laws existing in most civilized countries, but is milder than the Soviet law in that respect. In France, membership in a terrorist organization is punishable by death, while under the Israel law, the maximum punishment is 14 years. The new Bill provides for life imprisonment only.

"We have got accustomed to terror, and people tend to forget it is a very serious matter," Mr. Rosen said.

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ENGINEER TRAINING SCHEME FOR INDUSTRIAL EFFICIENCY

The Production and Efficiency Institute has prepared a scheme to train engineers for industrial efficiency for the year 1953/54.

The programme, which is to carry out a wide training project for engineers in the field of production engineering for which there is a great need in the country, in order to increase the efficiency and reduce expenditure of numerous firms, will be facilitated by the Government of Israel with the help of U.S. Point 4 funds and the local industrialists in whose enterprises this scheme is to be applied.

In accordance with this programme, engineers will mobilize their efforts to help rationalize the work in industrial enterprises.

The number of enterprises which may be included in this programme is limited. All interested enterprises are requested to apply to the Training and Information Dept. of the Production and Efficiency Institute, 1 Rehov Pereiz, Tel Aviv, Tel. 6961; or to the Labour Dept. of the Manufacturers' Ass'n. of Israel.

Engineers up to the age of 35 who are interested in participating in this scheme are also requested to apply to the a/m address. Engineers in Haifa may apply to the branch of the Institute at 15 Rehov Nordau.

Shishakly Announces Constitution Today

Syria is to receive a Constitution today in place of that declared void by Colonel Adib Shishakly after his coup d'etat in November 1951, the dictator told the biggest public rally to have been held in Damascus, on Friday.

The occasion of the rally was the opening of the headquarters of the Arab Liberation Movement, the only legal party in Syria.

Addressing the 35,000 persons assembled in Liberation Square, the head of the Army Junta claimed that he had no ambition to be a ruler and that he had taken leadership upon himself merely to prepare the country for the inauguration of a new and progressive Arab regime.

The Constitution is to provide for the election of a President for a five-year tenure with power to appoint and dismiss cabinets. Parliamentary elections will be held before the end of the year and subsequently every four years. The first President will be elected on July 10. Syria has been without parliamentary and political life since the Shishakly coup.

Damascus Radio announced that, due to her preoccupation with constitutions and elections, Syria has joined Jordan in requesting postponement of the Arab Commanders-in-Chief meeting in Cairo from next Thursday.

PERSIAN GULF ROAD

The building of a trunk road to run from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean, crossing Iraq, Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon, is being planned by the Rockefeller Foundation, ANA reports from Amman.

The agency said that the Jordan Government had been approached on the matter through the American Legation in Amman, and was considering the proposal.

MAN DROWNED

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — All efforts by the Magen David Adom to revive Israel Gordin, 45, of 29 Rehov Rashi here, proved fruitless after he was pulled out of the sea opposite the Sharon Hotel, Herzlia, this afternoon. His body was taken to the Tel Hashomer Hospital.

At 12.45 this afternoon, the lifeless body of an unidentified man aged about 35 was retrieved from the sea off Givat Aliya and was taken to the same hospital.

About 100 frightened onlookers watched five children struggle for life in the sea off the Reading Power Station here this morning. The five boys were carried away by a strong easterly current, less than 15 metres off shore. They were saved by a 50-year-old man, the only volunteer who succeeded in reaching them.

52 Experts in Year

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — During the past year, 52 experts under the U.N. Technical Assistance Administration have visited the country, and 23 are here at present, Dr. Sune Carlson, resident representative of the T.A.A., told the Israel Association for the U.N. here yesterday. In addition to experts visiting Israel, some 20 Israelis have been sent abroad to study.

PROF. GINZBERG HERE

Prof. Eli Ginzberg, the economist, and member of the faculty of Columbia University, has arrived in Israel for six weeks upon the invitation of Mr. Bruce McDaniel, TCA administrator.

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Cables in Brief

BOMB. — A time bomb exploded outside a police station in Belfast, Northern Ireland, yesterday, blowing an 18-inch hole in the front of the building. No one was hurt but scores of windows in nearby houses were smashed. Police suspect that the bomb was planted by Irish Republican extremists.

EXPLOSION. — An army ammunition dump exploded at Volos Harbour, Central Greece, on Thursday, killing a soldier and a schoolgirl, and injuring 34 people.

ACCORD. — The National Marine Institute in New York, representing 29 shipping companies, signed a contract with the National Maritime Union late Friday night ending a four-day tie-up of ships on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. The contract provided for a 6% wage increase for top-rated crewmen, 4% for middle ratings and 2% for the lowest rate group.

PENSION. — An executive decree yesterday granted Chilean newspapermen the right to be retired on a pension after 20 years' service, with an income equal to their average earnings for the last year they worked.

SOCIALISTS. — The first meeting of the Bureau of the Asian Socialist Conference is to be held in Hyderabad, India, from August 10 to 14, it was announced in Rangoon yesterday.

ROKACH ON LOCAL GOV'T

Jerusalem POST Reporter

JAFFA, Saturday. — Mr. Israel Rokach, the Minister of the Interior, said at a reception at the Bat Yam Local Council yesterday that it was more convenient to be a Local Council, as Municipalities would now be more strictly controlled by the central Government.

He said that while a by-law passed by a Local Council would have to be approved by the District Representative only, one passed by the Municipality would have to be approved by the Government.

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HISTADRUT IN COUNCIL

IN the six months which have elapsed since the last meeting of the Histadrut Council some fresh issues have arisen inside the labour movement in Israel and a number of notable achievements can be marked up. These, and others are before the present Council session convened as of last night at Kfar Saba.

Perhaps the most pressing problem was the mounting wave of unemployment which only a few weeks ago seemed likely, in the judgment of most experts, to exceed 25,000. Fortunately there has been a noticeable drop recently and the upward curve of jobless would appear to have been arrested. Until the basic causes are tackled, however, the danger still exists. The Histadrut is to be congratulated on the swift and effective steps it took early in the crisis in making its own funds available for the provision of works, not all of them purely relief works by any means. The Council will no doubt call upon the Government to initiate national planning, in the full sense of the word, that will co-ordinate the efforts of all the agencies concerned with the question of unemployment. In this effort the emphasis, insofar as the Histadrut is concerned, must take into account social factors as well as economic theory and doctrine. Precious human material must not be allowed to rot on the dole; and no section of the population should be encouraged to look to handouts rather than to the products of their labour for their sustenance.

All this however must not lead the Histadrut Council to forget the fundamental fact that the labour position in Israel will never be secured until there is a great improvement in productivity which will give this country a reasonable opportunity of competing in the world's export markets. If any restrictive practices have been allowed to survive they must be eliminated even if the unpopular process of nettle-grasping causes some severe stings to sensitive palms.

Allied to this problem is the question of wage scales. The present cost of living scales lead to a rather anomalous situation whereby a typist, unmarried, without family responsibilities, may be receiving a salary very little lower than the highly responsible executive whom she serves. The result is a gradual drawing off of talent from the higher levels of Government, national institutions and other such bodies. A fair wage must be paid for all forms of labour. This is the essence of Histadrut doctrine. Regard must also be to the equalitarian principle; but a theory can be pushed too far and the Council should seriously consider the matter.

Another unpopular issue which the Council should find time to tackle is that of the public transport services of the country which theoretically come under the wider aegis of the Histadrut. At present the impression is abroad that what slight ameliorations are taking place are being forced by the representatives of capital in the government; while the Histadrut, which should be alive to the interests of the workers and their families is not sufficiently sensitive to the grave discomforts, apart from the tax on their pockets which workers suffer under the present far from efficient public transport co-operatives.

These are some of the problems concerning the internal work of the Histadrut. There is no doubt, however, that the issue which will create most discussion within the Histadrut will be that of affiliation to the international organization of trade unions of the free world. The World Federation of Trade Unions had unfortunately all too short a career of impartiality before it fell victim to the struggle between the rival blocs of East and West. Israel, after keeping aloof from the conflict now seems, by the logic of its international position, committed to membership of the free world bloc. This membership will be implemented, at the present session of the Histadrut Council and those sections of the movement who still wish for affiliation with the World Federation will find themselves in a very anomalous position. It is difficult to see how they will be able to maintain membership on the W.F.T.U. when the Histadrut as a whole is definitely committed to the rival bloc. Among the positive achievements of the Histadrut since the last Council, has been the firm contact which has been maintained with many forms of international labour and trade union activity. These will now be given a formal framework in which to operate.

The future of the wide educational network maintained by the Histadrut will also have to be considered now that the unified national school system is coming into effect. Practical steps will have to be taken to find a way to safeguard the elements of socialist and labour doctrine in the new school system without impinging on national education.

Politics Without Passion

British Labour Lacks Point of Issue

By ROBERT MILLER

LONDON. — LIKE the rest of us here, the House of Commons is back at work again after Coronation — and very dull the proceedings are. It is not only that no one can really work up much passion in the general atmosphere of relaxation and rejoicing: the real difficulty for the Labour Party is that the Opposition can find no real issue on which to challenge the Government.

Peace has not yet been made but on the other hand the international situation is obviously much less oppressive than it was when the Conservatives took office 18 months ago. The Opposition cannot even argue that the Government should have been much more forthcoming since the gentle thawing in the cold war. The last speech made by Sir Winston Churchill on foreign affairs, in which he advocated Four-Power talks, was exactly what the Labour leaders had been saying in private for weeks. Mr. Attlee could do nothing but give it his blessing.

It is true that the Opposition is still a little unhappy about the Government's handling of the Egyptian problem, and thinks that Sir Winston's attitude is inclined to be far too truculent. But, here again, Labour has not much of a case, at least at the moment. Fighting has not broken out in the Suez Canal Zone, as many Socialists expected it would, and while there remains hope that Britain and Egypt will come to an honourable agreement, the Labour Party can only wait and watch.

Jobs and Prices

The Government is equally well placed in home affairs. Eighteen months ago the Labour Party was so convinced that the Government's policy would be disastrous for industry, that it jubilantly prophesied there would soon be a million unemployed. There is no sign of it yet. So far the employment figures have remained remarkably steady.

Labour is even in difficulty over the rise in prices. In theory, it might seem that the public would at once respond to any crusade against the high cost of living, and perhaps the oddest fact about the present situation is that this has simply not happened. No one really knows the reason. Some think it is because the housewife prefers to have a lean purse and well-stocked shops rather than vice versa.

Others believe that the explanation is a little subtler. They argue that the marginal voter has lost his faith in the Labour Party and feels that its talk about high prices is a political stunt. That is certainly the impression made on me at a recent by-election. In every speech the Labour candidate made, he talked about the rise in the cost of living and, after a time, he gave the impression that he had no constructive policy to offer.

What is curious is that both Conservatives and Socialists agree that the Bevanite struggle has not been the real cause of the Labour Party's decline. Certainly that was the view I arrived at in this by-election. The Conservative candidate began by making a great song-and-dance about the Bevanites in the first few days. During the rest of the campaign he hardly referred to them.

T.V. and Radio

"WELL, there is one thing the Coronation has done," a friend said to me the other day. "It has proved once and for all that there's no future for sound broadcasting."

Certainly no one could deny that television did a wonderful job. Thousands who stayed at home and watched the crowning in comfort saw a great deal more than many distinguished people who had places in the Abbey. In fact, one man who was among that honoured assembly assures me that he had only a single glimpse of the proceedings. The poor fellow had a seat behind a pillar.

Plays are still not particularly well done on television: the camera is often oddly confined instead of moving freely as it should do. Sound, too, has the advantage in a talk, for, I think, there is nothing more embarrassing than a close-up of the distinguished man whom one has long admired.

Seeing the Sights

LONDONERS must have received the news that the Coronation decorations may remain after June 22 — the date originally fixed for dismantling them — with mixed feelings. The crowds of sightseers are still as dense as ever. Indeed, I have at last given up my old bus journey to the office, having learned that, if I start off at the normal time, I may be as much as half an hour late. I go by "tube" instead.

London has the most courteous policemen in the world, and certainly they all deserve a special medal for the way they have behaved during the last few weeks. Even when they have not been struggling with the crowds, they have had to answer interminable questions from foreigners and provincials in the city. So far as I have been able to judge, they have remained marvellously good-humoured.

There is always something to amuse or delight the eye in London. I liked particularly the children who, crammed into open taxis, passed slowly along the Mall or Whitehall cheering everything and everybody.

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Readers' Letters

STAR PERFORMANCES

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — We are fortunate in having three orchestras which potentially provide enough work for most of our artists. But the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra has seen fit to play only once under the baton of a local conductor during its recent series of ten subscription concerts. And for the series of nine special concerts, only one Israel conductor was invited. At present a series of summer concerts is being arranged; at this, not even one local musician will conduct.

We are happy to welcome visitors from abroad and there is much we can and must learn from them. However, the unbalanced and discriminatory relationship between the opportunities given to local talents and those invited from abroad will have to be changed. The excuse of the Orchestra management that the public will not attend performances of local artists, reveals that they have developed the taste of the public that so demands "star performances" rather than promote a genuine desire to listen to music.

Even if we take into account that there are financial advantages to the "star performances" there is the possibility that, with a little goodwill, things might be so arranged that the appearance of a foreign soloist is co-ordinated with a concert under a local conductor and vice versa, and that at least one local composition is included in concerts given by guest musicians. This year has seen only one Israel work performed, and that under the baton of a local conductor.

The Haifa Orchestra seems to be following the I.P.O.'s footsteps. For its festival concert for Independence Day, the management found it in keeping with the occasion to invite a conductor from abroad for this and following concerts.

The third orchestra (the only one supported by State funds) is the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Should this orchestra really be permitted to appoint a guest conductor from abroad for a period of nearly three month, when, at the same time funds to pay for one of our musicians is not forthcoming?

Fortunately it can be recorded that for the last nine months a local man was appointed as permanent conductor. But as soon as he went on leave, the management should have given other local conductors, old and young, a chance to appear. These conductors wait a year or more for a single performance.

As long as these organizations maintain their present policies, as long as our artists are not given the opportunity to work and to reach the public in their respective fields, it will be difficult to develop and enlarge the character and future of Israel music. The institutions of music should understand that local musicians do not want charity from them: they must begin to realize that our active and full cooperation raises the reputation of Israel art both at home and abroad.

Give us access to our own platforms, let us go to our public so that we can give them our own art.

Yours, etc.,
ARTUR GELBRUN
Jerusalem, June 16.

MUSICAL DIARY

KOL Yisrael's 'Collegium Musicum,' sponsored by the Y.M.C.A.'s 'Live Programme' series, on Wednesday presented Kol Yisrael's String ensemble conducted by Yohanan Zarai whose dynamic interpretation of William Boyce's overture to 'The Power of Music' made an inspired opening. There was a lively rendering of J.Ch. Bach's Concerto for Harpsichord (Edith Wellner) and Strings in A major, though the soloist's reading was too monotonous. We were more impressed by J. S. Bach's Concerto for two Harpsichords (Arieh Sachs and Edith Wellner) and Strings in C minor. Mozart's 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik' was charmingly rendered.

To add to our pleasure, there was Max Lampel's sensitive registration of two Brahms Choral Preludes (op. 122) and Reger's Larghetto in D flat major (op. 80). Kol Yisrael's female vocal chamber group left a favourable impression with songs by Schumann, Schubert and Mendelssohn.

Unusual Programme

Kol Yisrael's Tuesday night concert, conducted by Heinz Freudenthal, was rather like another Collegium Musicum. Haydn's Symphony No. 83 in G minor (La Poule) was well interpreted.

Thelma Yellin joined the orchestra as soloist in Boccherini's Cello Concerto. Her well developed, soulful reading had a beautiful cantilena and her tone and bowing are always subtle and never nasal—a rare phenomenon in a cellist, and a fault which even Casals has sometimes committed.

The bill further offered a suite from Purcell's stylized opera 'The Fairy Queen' and in contrast Mendelssohn's 'Midsummer Night's Dream' suite, two relaxing pieces during a *sharav*.

Betty Rogov Vogel (contralto) broadcast on Wednesday afternoon, singing arias by Benedetto Marcello; Purcell ('Dido and Aeneas'), and songs by Dvorak, Brahms and Hugo Wolf. Her selection and delivery show a well-trained voice, sense of style and delicate feeling.

As always, Moshe Lustig was an outstanding accompanist on the piano.

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VISITORS' GALLERY

Bond Driver

Jerusalem POST Reporter

"WHEN I die, the only money I take with me is the money I've given away." Thus Joseph Cherner, who arrived in Jerusalem last week He is from Miami, formerly Washington. He wears a tie when Cabinet Ministers are expected, otherwise he likes to relax in a beach shirt. He prefers to look more unassuming than a dry-goods clerk, though he probably has more zeros to his income than anyone else in Israel just now. As a boy, Mr. Cherner went to America from Russia and began climbing. He made a great deal of money selling cars for Mr. Ford and putting up hotels. Then one day — "I started asking myself, how come I went to America? I wasn't cleverer than the Jewish kids who stayed behind. It was pure chance." Mr. Cherner decided to spend the rest of his life compensating for a chance which had brought wealth to him, and to other people — nothing.

He jumped head first into the U.J.A. campaign, and emerged as one of the national chairmen. "American Jewry has got off cheap; what Israel is doing cannot be paid for." Contribution to the cause was a privilege, said Mr. Cherner, doling out cheques with a bountiful hand. "I'm not generous, I'm very selfish." And, in a way, the confession held truth: Mr. Cherner thoroughly enjoyed recruiting donors and multiplying cheques. He gave his Washington home to the Israel Embassy and transferred his surplus fund-raising energy to Florida with phenomenal success.

"People don't like getting charity." In fact, admitted Mr. Cherner, they begin to hate the giver of charity. It was better to set a man up in business and make him independent. Therefore, while continuing to "enjoy the privilege of supporting U.J.A.," he boosted the Bond Drive with "a not inconsiderable amount": something like a million dollars. Chairman of the Bond Drive in Washington, and National Treasurer, Mr. Cherner was kept busy — so busy it was a long time before the long-awaited trip came to pass, together with his wife and their two daughters. Packed in with his luggage was a document for presentation to Mr. Ben Gurion, stating that the Albert Einstein Medical School to be established in Yeshiva College would be happy to welcome students from Israel. New York State has promised $38m. to the school, and the Jewish community will subscribe about $25m. Mr. Cherner is setting up a scholarship fund for Israel medical students.

"I've given quite a little sum already," he disclosed. We wondered how little.

NATURE NOTES

Mrs. Prickles

THE hedgehogs — which are true hibernators—have now been stirring for some time, and lately a neighbour, spring-cleaning his shed, found a long-eared mother with nine young. The books say that this species (erinaceus auritus) which looks even more charming than the common hedgehog whose ears are hidden in the bristles—does not occur in the north of our country. I have, however, repeatedly found them here in the northern Shomron.

The mother is not shy and extremely solicitous of her young. They are probably a month old, for they are already well-covered with bristles. They play together and with a spool like kittens.

They have several rows of snow-white bristles at birth, but these only stand up when the babies are dried, lying almost embedded in their taut, watery skin before. Later, they fall out and make room for the normal, brown and tan prickles. Within a month, the babies are well equipped for life inside and out, for their teeth are grown and the mother takes them for their first hunting expeditions to forage for snails and beetles. Only at night, of course, the hedgehog being strictly nocturnal. That is why we are inclined to consider him lethargic — for when we stir him up from sleep he is sluggish, even if he unrolls. But at night he is lively and nimble enough, and looks much like a little pig. Hence the name.

P.A.

The Week in the Knesset

Foreign Relations

By GERDA LUFT

THE debate on foreign policy which occupied the Knesset for almost two days last week was divided into two parts: the set-up and the working of the Foreign Ministry at home and Embassies, Legations and Consulates abroad, and the line to be followed by the Foreign Ministry in the light of what is thought to be Washington's present policy in regard to Israel. Interest centred mainly on the second part.

The opening speech of the Foreign Minister, however, omitted the main political issues and the Knesset started a full scale debate on foreign policy without being told what line the Government proposed to take. Mr. Sharett reverted to this topic in his winding-up speech. He had followed the procedure of leaving political statements to the end of the debate on previous occasions. In the circumstances, the debate ranged over the entire well-ploughed field of foreign policy without yielding new ideas, angles or proposals, except perhaps for the robust outburst of Mr. Livneh (Mapai) against infiltration which, however, can hardly serve as a substitute for a political conception.

The opening speech of the Foreign Minister brought home to the Knesset that our Foreign Service has, in addition to the routine tasks, the additional duty of fostering relations between Israel and the Jews of the Golah. The demands made on Ministers and officials abroad by Jewish institutions take up much of their time and energy, a strain on our budget and on our Civil Servants which we cannot but bear. The Foreign Ministry might even claim to be the most important earner of foreign currency in this country, because the American grant-in-aid is to a large extent the result of endeavours by the Washington Embassy. This also means that we must remember that our political agencies must today cover the gaps caused through insufficient economic performance. A comparison between the staff of our foreign service and those of other countries is therefore necessarily deceptive. The cry for retrenchment raised during the debate, however, serves to remind us that we are not only a poor State but that our very size should keep us from embarking on the sea of international politics except with the utmost caution.

Expenditure Budget

The Knesset is slowly approaching the end of the first readings of the Expenditure Budget and is touching on a great many problems which need thorough investigation. The task of the Ministry of Interior and its relations to the Municipalities are a case in point. The budgetary and organizational position of the towns is by no means easier than that the Central Government. If the Knesset wanted unpleasant proof of their plight, there were the overflowing garbage-bins in the capital in front of houses, as a result of the municipal employees' strike. The Government and the public will have to make up their minds whether the new and poor Municipalities must struggle on by themselves or whether they should be organized in such a manner as to make the population help them. In addition, there are the peculiar difficulties of towns such as Beersheba which has no income from the urban Property Tax. All the buildings there belong to the Government — as Mr. David Hacohen (Mapai) pointed out — and as the Government is not obliged to pay taxes, this desert town is deprived of an important source of income. Here we have an obvious example of the peculiar problems which are being created through lack of balance between private and public enterprise. As long as this is not restored only the expedient of making the Government pay taxes remains. This, however, would only make a difference in the accounts. All over the country budgetary needs of the Municipalities are in glaring contrast to revenue. The debate on the work of the Ministry of Interior made it perfectly clear that overall budgeting is necessary so as to bring the Government Budget and that of the Municipalities into line.

The Knesset voted an interim Budget for three months before the Passover recess and hoped to finish work on the Expenditure Budget by July 1. Last week, however, another interim Budget for two months was brought before the House since there seems to be no hope of finishing the Budget debate in time. This creates a serious problem. Last winter, it was decided to divide work on the Budget and deal separately with revenue and expenditure in order to give the Knesset more time. This in itself was a good thing, but if the result is to let the Treasury carry on with an interim Budget for five months then the House is unable to discharge one of its main duties, that of allocating income to the various Government Departments. As, moreover, salaries still go up owing to the rise in Cost-of-Living Index, prospects of a realistic Budget grow even dimmer. If things are allowed to drift, the results of the Budget reform may not be a genuine improvement but a post-factum approval of Treasury operations. The position is the more serious as a procedure once adopted soon comes to be regarded as an established custom, so that the Knesset might next year be asked to accept an interim Budget as a matter of course.

Peace Offensive

The Presidium of the Knesset has opened a peace offensive. After a few sessions which were noisier than usual, the Speaker called in representatives of the various parties and tried to create a more amiable and cooperative atmosphere. He also asked the Press to cooperate. Reporters, however, are in an odd position: they do not create the disturbances in the House, they only report them, so that they can probably do no more than hope that the endeavours of the Presidium to relieve the tension in the Knesset will succeed.

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